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RE: Docket Control/Case
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am sure you have been inundated with letters from concerned Gilbert residents regarding the SRP San Tan Expansion. Please have patience and try and understand our reasons for the obvious. Expanding the power plant at Val Vista and Warner will have a major negative impact on the whole community. Not only will it be a major eye sore; it will produce air and noise pollution in a residential area, which has numerous parks and schools. Gilbert will be known for the power plant and ugly stacks, not for the wholesome community it has worked so hard to develop. I live in Finley Farms, and have invested a substantial amount of money into my home. You know as well as I, that the expansion will lower home values. These are just some of the obvious detrimental effects of the expansion.

I attended SRP's open house held at the elementary school near my home. I give them credit for the presentation and the representation by their staff. But it was misleading and deceptive. SRP was showing their conception of how the stacks would look if you were standing near Frys on Val Vista and Warner. The photo looks like it was taken at least one mile away! Please, come view the site. You will see, this is NOT the area to build an industrial plant. As of now, you can see the existing equipment from Warner and they aren't nearly the 150 feet that the stacks will be. According to SRP, they will plan "landscaping that will better integrate the property with the surrounding area." Are they planning to bring in mutant trees?

SRP has also insinuated that the reason the plant needs to be built in Gilbert is because Gilbert is the one needing the power. I find that hard to believe. When we lived in Northern California, our power source was two hours away. Is Arizona that far behind the times? And isn't it true that any excess power generated can be sold to other companies, in other states? Hum, I wonder who really needs this extra power generated?

I understand that putting the plant at Val Vista and Warner would be cost effective for SRP. In fact, they will be making money selling off the extra power! But it is **COSTING US!!** Costing us our physical health, costing us our mental health and costing us our home values. With all the money that SRP is spending on landscaping, making this eye sore look "integrated", money they are spending bribing, sorry, convincing the town council and residents that with the new roads and bike paths, it will make everything better, SRP could build a new facility in an unpopulated area, so it doesn't effect the quality of life to the surrounding community. Please consider an alternative to this obvious mistake that will be detrimental to our community. One of the goals that Governor Hull states is to "ensure that Arizona remains one of the most attractive places in the nation to live, work, and raise a family." I'm not seeing that happen here.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marley Smith". The signature is fluid and written in dark ink.

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P.S. I sure would like someone to acknowledge this letter so I know there is someone that cares enough to read it!

Cc: The Honorable Jane Hull

Representative Jeff Groscost